

wherein at least one of the polyoxyalkylene glycol alkyl ethers is

polypropylene glycol n-butyl ether having three or more oxypropylenes in its molecule.

3. (Amended) The ink composition as claimed in claim 1, comprising 10 to 98 % by weight of the water, 0.1 to 20 % by weight of the coloring agent, and 0.1 to 20 % by weight of the polyoxyalkylene glycol alkyl ethers, based on the total weight of the ink composition.

4. (Amended) The ink composition as claimed in claim 3, comprising 30 to 97 % by weight of the water, 0.3 to 15 % by weight of the coloring agent, and 0.3 to 15 % by weight of the polyoxyalkylene glycol alkyl ethers, based on the total weight of the ink composition.

5. (Amended) The ink composition as claimed in claim 4, comprising 40 to 95 % by weight of the water, 0.5 to 15 % by weight of the coloring agent, and 0.5 to 10 % by weight of the polyoxyalkylene glycol alkyl ethers, based on the total weight of the ink composition.

6. (Amended) The ink composition as claimed in claim 1, comprising 1 to 80 % by weight of the polyoxyalkylene glycol alkyl ethers other than the polypropylene glycol n-butyl ether having three or more oxypropylenes in the molecule, based on a total weight of the polyoxyalkylene glycol alkyl ethers.

7. (Amended) The ink composition as claimed in claim 6, comprising 3 to 60 % by weight of the polyoxyalkylene glycol alkyl ethers other than the polypropylene glycol n-butyl ether having three or more oxypropylenes in the molecule, based on a total weight of the polyoxyalkylene glycol alkyl ethers.

8. (Amended) The ink composition as claimed in claim 7, comprising 5 to 50 % by weight of the polyoxyalkylene glycol alkyl ethers other than the polypropylene glycol n-butyl ether having three or more oxypropylenes in the molecule, based on the total weight of the polyoxyalkylene glycol alkyl ethers.

9. (Amended) The ink composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polypropylene glycol n-butyl ether having three or more oxypropylenes in the molecule is tripropylene glycol n-butyl ether, tetrapropylene glycol n-butyl ether, or pentapropylene glycol n-butyl ether.

10. (Amended) The ink composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein less than all of the polyoxyalkylene glycol alkyl ethers is polypropylene glycol n-butyl ether having three or more oxypropylenes in its molecule.

16. (Amended) The ink composition of claim 1, wherein said polyalkylene glycol alkyl ethers comprise at least one of a polyethylene glycol alkyl ether having at least one oxyethylene group and a polypropylene glycol alkyl ether having at least one oxypropylene group.

17. (Amended) The ink composition of claim 16, wherein said polyalkylene glycol alkyl ethers comprise at least one polyethylene glycol alkyl ether selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol methyl ether, ethylene glycol ethyl ether, ethylene glycol n-propyl ether, ethylene glycol isopropyl ether, ethylene glycol n-butyl ether, ethylene glycol isobutyl ether, diethylene glycol methyl ether, diethylene glycol ethyl ether, diethylene glycol n-propyl ether, diethylene glycol isopropyl ether, diethylene glycol n-butyl ether, diethylene glycol isobutyl ether, triethylene glycol methyl ether, triethylene glycol ethyl ether, triethylene glycol n-propyl ether, triethylene glycol isopropyl ether, triethylene glycol n-butyl ether and triethylene glycol isobutyl ether.

18. (Amended) The ink composition of claim 16, wherein said polyalkylene glycol alkyl ethers comprise at least one polyethylene glycol n-butyl ether having at least one oxyethylene group.

19. (Amended) The ink composition of claim 16, wherein said polyalkylene glycol alkyl ethers comprise at least one polypropylene glycol alkyl ether selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol methyl ether, propylene glycol ethyl ether, propylene